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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

During this off season I had no intention of adding to my dog kennel. This changed, however, two (2) weeks ago as I filled the second dog house in my kennel for the third time. I have re-homed a 4-month old GSP. So my season is starting off much different than planned, and my house looks like a hurricane of chew bones & dog toys!

You might ask, "How do can I get my wife's approval for a pair of hunting dogs?" I have ways of staying married while still acquiring bird dogs and shotguns. In this case, I used the old reverse-psychology-Jedi-mind-trick. First, of course, I needed to tell my wife that this dog was up for re-home. As a fellow hunter it was my civic duty and concerned dog owner obligation. Second, I only told her, "This is not the GSP we are looking for." My wife is a sucker for floppy eared puppies. So I now have a 3-year old GSP, and a 5-month old GSP, and I'm eager to start the pup's training. She is showing signs of a great pointer and a great swimmer. BTW, her name is **Widge!**

I had my first **Washington Advisory Group (now known as the WWAG)** communication and the highlight was the compiled results from the **WDFW** comments collection on the regulation/season setting solicited earlier this year. **No. 4** on the list was the topic of people asking about **Harlequins** and re-establishing a **Washington** hunt season for them. For everyone that took the time to register your comments, I commend your efforts as they have been received and compiled. **WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager Kyle Spragens**, has posted a video to the **WWAG** site explaining the ABC's of regulations and the season setting process under the federal framework — for both the flyways, and at the state levels.

I encourage you to watch the 23 minute video titled "**WDFW Waterfowl Seasons Primer.**" I would also suggest everyone participate in the 3-year season setting process through your **WWAG** contacts — seven (7) of which are **WWA** members from around the state. The full 20-member *Citizen's Advisory Group* is linked [here](#). Check it out to see who you might know to voice your input to. The Video is linked [here](#).

I passed up the dove opener and the early goose with my hands full of canines at home, lol. I know some of you were able to make it out in my place and from the sounds of it, the doves and geese were there to be had this year. See story on **Page 5**.

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News for the Flock

2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat, Sept 16	Washington Arms Collectors is hosting a gun show at the Monroe Fairgrounds from 11 AM till 7 PM. WWA Life Member Robb Stack has 4 tables reserved. Stop by and say Hi!
Sat thru Sun Sept 16—17	Statewide Youth-Only Pheasant, Hunt Days. Regs linked here
Mon—Fri Sept 18—22	Statewide Senior — 65 and Older Only Pheasant Hunt Days. Regs here
Sat, Sept 23	Westside Pheasant & Quail Opening Day. Same Regs linked here Westside Youth-Only Duck Day
Fri thru Sun Sept 22—24	Columbia Flyway & Wildlife Show Clatsop County Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Astoria, OR See Story & Flyer on Pages 16 & 17
Tues, Sept 26	NO SW Chapter Meeting this month!
Weds, Sept 27	Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Club
Thurs, Sept 28	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting Vancouver Trap and Gun Club
Sat, Sept 30	National Hunting and Fishing Day Newport, WA See Story on Page 11 Eastside Youth-Only Duck Day
Weds, Oct 4	WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 pm. All WWA Members welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, for a WebEx online invitation. See Page 1
Thurs, Oct 5	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club
Sat, Oct 7	Eastside Quail & Chukar Opening Days. Same Regs linked here
Tues, Oct 10	Whatcom County Chapter Meeting Ferndale Public Library
Weds, Oct 11	NW Chapter Meeting Twin Cities Sportsmens Club
Sat, Oct 14-22 Sat, Oct 21 Oct 25—Jan 28, 2024	Statewide Duck Opening Days Eastside Pheasant Opening Day Resumption of Duck Season

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Lastly I had the chance to head out to the **Samish Hunt Unit** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** and help out with a hunting blind refresh/repair work party this past Saturday with the **Northwest Chapter**. The Group managed to brush up all 15 blinds and do some minor repairs. See the story and photos in the **NW Chapter News** on **Pages 3-4**.

Happy hunting. The next newsletter will be right before the season opener for ducks. Good luck to all the youth for the September 23rd and 30th **Youth-Only Hunts!**

For the Resource,

Paul McGovern

WWA President

News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunts

Get the kids in the Blinds – Signup

On Saturday, September 23rd, the **WWA-Northwest Chapter** is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at two (2) locations in north **Puget Sound**. We'll be running morning hunts, half hour before sunrise to noon; and afternoon hunts from 1:00 pm till sunset. Tides will be low in the morning so hunts then will be limited.

Several chapter members have volunteered to take youth and parents out in their personal **Duck Boats**.

Reservations Required: First Come — First Served.

Please contact **Rick Skiba** at:

reskiba@msn.com (360) 387-2225; or

Rick Billieu at:

rgbillieu@frontier.com (360) 653-8571.

Note: The **EASTERN WA Youth-Only Hunt** is Saturday, September 30th.

events for **WWA, DU**, and the **Washington Brant Foundation**. **This is a meeting not to miss!**

Samish Blind Maintenance Report

On Saturday, September 9th, **NW Chapter** members met at the **Samish Unit** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** to complete the yearly maintenance, cleanup and brush-up of hunting blinds.

Sixteen (16) adults, kids and dogs met at the parking lot and started the morning having a Big Breakfast of bacon, hash, hash browns, eggs and pancakes! A Big **THANKS** to **Matt Browder** for doing all the cooking.

There are 15 Blinds at the **Unit**. The majority of the blinds were constructed by volunteers from our chapter. Most of the blinds were in good condition. A few needed minor structural, wire mesh fencing or bench repairs.

All the blinds needed brushing-up. We cut two pickup truck loads of **Reed Canary Grass**, zip-tied small bundles together and attached them to the wire mesh on the outside of each blind. Unfortunately we also picked up plenty of shotshell hulls, exposed after the unit was tilled.

Thanks to all of our members who supported the event and made it a success!

Marysville Boat Launch Fee Arrangement

Last year signage was posted for boat launch fees at the **Marysville Ebey Waterfront Park**. As of Jan. 6, 2023, the city implemented a \$10 boat launch fee. **ParkMobile** <https://parkmobile.io/> now offers multiple ways to pay for parking. Annual passes are available at the **Marysville Community Center** (1015 State Ave.). They are valid from June-June each year at a rate of \$75. Customers will receive a window cling to display on their vehicle.

October Chapter Meeting

Our October chapter meeting will feature guest speaker **Rob Wingard, WDFW Private Lands Manager for Region 4**. **Rob** will provide the members with information on the Private Lands hunting opportunities in the northern counties. **Rob** always gives us the lowdown on new lands and owners participating in the program and great tips for successful hunts. Be there if you want to learn about some new public hunting grounds available this season.

Membership Renewal and Next Meeting

If you have not renewed your membership you can do so online at www.waduck.org or you can also renew at the next chapter meeting.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on October 11th, at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club**. Trap shooting starts at 6:00 pm, and the business portion starts at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your passion –get involved

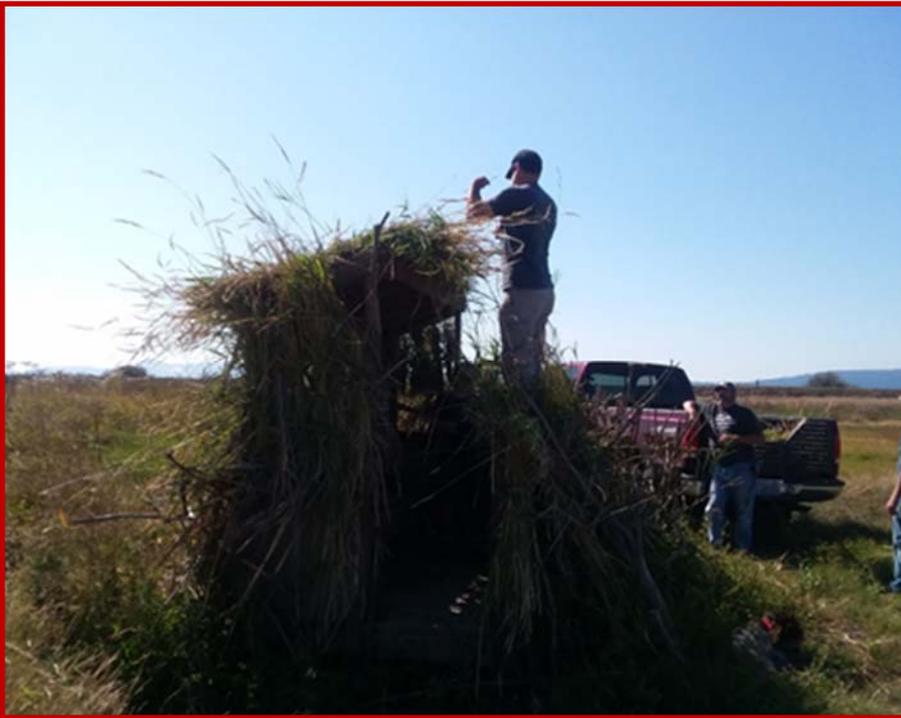
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Samish Island Unit Blind Maintenance



(Top Left)
New Top and Brushup for the South Blind.

(Top Right)
Ready for the Upcoming Season!

(Center)
Matt Browder cooking up a Yeoman's breakfast!



(Bottom Left)
Ready for a final trim.

(Bottom Right)
After these volunteers were finished, the Boy Scout Blind never looked better.



NW Chapter News Continued

SOMETIMES the Plan Works...

By: Rich Phillips
WWA Life Member

Not sure how but the opener of the early **Canada Goose** season snuck up on me. No federal duck stamp meant that my crew (me/son/grandson) would have to wait till day 2. I had modest expectations as my scouting had not shown any significant number of geese using the field we



to my feet and made it to the blind. As we were setting decoys another small flock came in and landed with the group across the field.

I wondered what else can go wrong? Once we chased this group away, we settled in. **UNBELIEVABLE!** Flock after flock came in, decoyed, and provided us with great shooting!

OK, I'll fess up — my shooting needed some help, but you can imagine my smile as I watched the grandkid kill a limit of Canada geese!!

As we were picking up decoys and lugging geese to the truck, still more geese came in. What a morning!

Yes, sometimes the plan works!!

had permission to hunt. But we showed up at 0630 and began our walk towards hopefully goose nirvana.

Halfway out we saw a small flock of geese come and set down on the far side of the field. Way too early I thought. Just then I stepped in a hole, gun went flying one direction, gear flying the other, and me graceful as a ballerina falling to the ground. Now getting up is a simple task, unless you are looking at the big 70 on your next birthday **AND** you are still rehabbing a replaced knee.

My grandson shared his sympathy, "Gee that looks like it hurt." Mustering what little dignity I had, I struggled



News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Chadd has been an invaluable asset to preparing and improving the hunt area and we appreciate it!

Ridgefield NWR Work Party

On **Saturday September 23rd** we will have a work party to open and camouflage the blinds for the upcoming hunt season. We will meet at **8 am** at the hunter check station. Bring your waders, gloves and pruning snips.

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Work Party

On **Wednesday September 27th** we will gather at the **Fazio Farm** shops on the west side of **Old River Road** just south of the gravel operation at **2 pm**. We will be brushing up blinds for the hunting season. Bring landscape loppers or pruning shears and shovels.

Ridgefield NWR Blinds

Thanks to **Maintenance Supervisor, Chadd Smith**, for replacing the floor on blind 3 and planting the pit blind 5, the final **Black Box blind**. (See photos).

Dave LesCalleet has officially retired as the hunter check-in representative at the refuge. Thanks, **Dave!** You did such a GREAT job over the years, I understand it's going to take two people to replace you! lol **Hannah Ferwerda** (she has been onsite all summer as a bio-tech) and **Jarad Sanchez** (he has been onsite all summer as a tractor operator) will be tag-teaming the hunter check station to cover the long hours.



Before & After, Pit Blind #5



New Floor, Blind #3

Always Looking For Your Input!

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences, recipes and/or photos. Where do you hunt? Did you have a good hunt or memorable event? New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter. Please submit them to dlhargin@msn.com. Thank you!

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

With duck season just around the corner, things are getting very busy. We have to make time to get the three tons of equipment ready; maybe get some new waders on order; and dust off the shotgun. We did some of the latter last Thursday before our Chapter meeting with Chapter members **Kevin Young** and **Linda Bickle** putting on a skeet clinic for our members!

It went very well and we had five (5) chapter members show up to get some great coaching! I was trying out a new gun and was surprised at how well **IT** shot! **Kevin** made it look easy, and by the time we were finished, we were all hitting the targets with regular consistency !!

Another Chance to Participate

We plan to have another shooting clinic right before our chapter meeting on October 5th. Shooting starts at 5:00 pm at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** skeet range! Targets are **FREE** to **Grays Harbor Chapter**

members. At least until my target card runs out! lol We will all chip in after it does!

Thank You **Kevin** and **Linda** for being patient! You made it fun for us all!

Next Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting is on the 5th of October at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 7:00 pm sharp!

Thank you all for your continued support!

Kurt Snyder

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(L-Above) Linda Bickle with Kurt's new Mossberg.
 (R-Above) Kevin Young 1-on-1 w/ Rylan Holmberg.
 (Right) Kevin in discussion with Dick Jenson, while Rylan, Jim Holmberg, & Erik Beitz look on.



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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Bruce Feagan and Dick Price

Youth Shoot Report

We had 20+ boys and 12+ girls show up on Saturday, August 26th, 2023 for the **FREE Youth Trap Shoot** at the **Quincy Gun Club**. Some of the kids were barely taller than their shotguns, but they all had a great time going through several boxes of shells. The shoot drew in kids from all over the **Columbia Basin**. I'm sure some of them had very sore shoulders by Saturday evening.



Moses Lake Chapter member Dan Brown joined WDFW staff and other volunteers in some August duck banding in Grant and Adams Counties.

The Trap Used to Capture Ducks for Banding.



Reminder — The Moses Lake Chapter now has some custom Russell 112 Trucker caps with the WWA Color Logo, and embroidered with Moses Lake Chapter. They're available now for \$25 each. Contact Bruce Feagan at 206-714-8020, if you want one! Dan Brown is sporting one at the left!



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(Above) Photo Contributor John Pleau submitted this picture from dove season opening day near Royal City, reporting that, "This was my first dove hunt in over 35 years! I was fortunate enough to limit out on 15.

(Right)

To paraphrase somewhat from an 1897 NY Sun Editorial: *Yes, Virginia.* These migratory birds carry bling! The hunting party of ML Chapter's Dan Brown picked up these three in a single outing.



Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

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Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

September Meeting

Once again, we will be hosting **WDFW Region 4 Private Lands Program Manager Rob Wingard** at our September meeting on Wednesday, the 27th. This is always a great presentation to get an overview of the program and a sneak preview at the properties that will be included in the program this year. This presentation is always a Highlight, and Rob gives great information for both new hunters and seasoned veterans. Join us for shooting before-hand with the meeting and pizza feed beginning at 7 pm in the Chalet.

Group Trip Boats Needed

We are considering doing a chapter trip to **Potholes Reservoir** on the first weekend in November. In order to make this happen and to get an idea of how many people we can accommodate, we need volunteers with boats who would be willing go and help transport people and gear. If you are interested, please reach out to me at ohnitsono2009@hotmail.com or 425-233-5936

Duck Tasting

Next year we are planning to repeat our duck tasting event where we blind taste different species of waterfowl. I am including this in the September and October newsletters to try and remind everyone that if you harvest a less common species of duck that you would like to donate to the tasting event, save it and label it. The last time we did this, it was really fun, and we had some surprising results!

Donation to WWC

The **Seattle Chapter** has voted to make a \$2,000 donation to the **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)** in support of that organization's legal action against the **Governor** and five members of the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**. A copy of the complete 10-page complaint filed on June 14th in **Thurston County Superior Court** is linked [here](#). Our donation matches an earlier donation of an identical sum by the **NW Chapter** and a later donation of another \$2,000 by **WWA Corporate**.

We urge and challenge other chapters with the financial ability, to do likewise in order to restore balance to the **Commission** among all constituencies, as mandated **Washington law** (found at **RCW 77.94.012**, and linked [here](#)).

New Day and Location for Meetings

The Seattle Chapter has decided to meet the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of each month moving forward.

Unfortunately, this means we will no longer have the range to ourselves; we will be shooting with the public those nights beginning at 5 pm.

Following shooting we will move to the **CHALET** instead of the shotgun clubhouse for our monthly business meetings beginning at 7 pm.



Wheel Line Dove Hunting

Photo by James Ono

Finally, just a reminder — If you get a chance please support those businesses that supported our Banquet last October. See **Flyer** on **Page 28**.

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Spokane Chapter News

National Hunting and Fishing Day Event

Pre-Register Your Children for this Free Event [here](#)

WDFW, the Kalispel Tribe, and the Colville Tribes are hosting the **National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD)** celebration, a great, family-oriented way to introduce youth to target shooting, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation. **WWA** has been invited by **WDFW** to participate in this annual event, which will take place on **Saturday, September 30th**, from 9 am to 3 pm at **Camp Cowles** located at **4161 N Shore Diamond Lake Road, Newport WA 99156**.

WWA has participated in this event twice in the past — complete with the **WWA Duck Mount Trailer Display**. However both of those occasions were on the West side. Once in September of 2017 at **Camp Pigott in Snohomish**, and the other in September of 2019 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup**.

The **WWA Board of Directors** has authorized the use of the **Duck Mount Trailer** to be brought this far East, and **NW Chapter member Jacob McGovern** has agreed to do this. Former **Spokane Chapter officer, Steven "Scotty"**

Allenton, has agreed to head up the volunteers necessary to staff the **WWA** display as **WWA-Spokane Chapter Chair John Rasmussen** has a family obligation that weekend and can't attend. Please contact **John, WWA President Paul McGovern** (contact info on page 1 of this Newsletter), or **Scotty** at stevensallenton@gmail.com if you can volunteer that Saturday.

NHFD uses this event to promote outdoor recreation, safety, conservation, and good stewardship by providing hands-on hunting, fishing and conservation-related experiences and opportunities for youth and their families.

At the event, there will be many educational displays and hands-on activities sponsored by **WDFW** and other conservation groups and participants. Past activities have included trout fishing, fly tying demonstrations, rod and reel casting practice, flint knapping, and making plaster animal track casts, fish prints, seed balls and butterfly houses.

In addition, youth 17 years and younger who attend the event with an accompanying adult can participate in shooting sports with **WDFW** archery equipment and department-owned BB-guns, air rifles, .22 rifles, and 20-gauge shotguns. They will receive training, guidance

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and encouragement from certified **Range Safety Officers, Hunter Education Instructors** and **Master Hunters** as well as staff and volunteers from the department's **Hunter Education Program**.

All youth attendees will receive a reusable drawstring bag containing several shooting and outdoor safety-related items, informational pamphlets, and will also enjoy door prize drawings and many giveaways provided by local and national retailers.

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WWA Hunt Mentor Program



The WWA Mentorship Program provides basic information before the season and matches new hunters with more experienced waterfowlers. Our goal is to help give new hunters the tools and knowledge to become a successful hunter and pass on the values of sportsmanship, etiquette, and conservation.

If you would like to be paired with a mentor or if you would like to share some of your knowledge by mentoring, please contact us!

“Hands On” Conservation



An alternative to simply continuing to donate money —

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Come Getcha Some!

WHO WE ARE?

Founded in 1945, Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the enhancement of waterfowl and waterfowl habitat in the support and promotion of safe and ethical waterfowl hunting in compliance with state and federal regulations. We also act as the “Voice of the Waterfowler” to speak as one unified group on issues pertaining to the drafting and passage of proposed state and federal laws that may affect waterfowl hunting in the future. In light of our federal tax-exempt status, many of your donations to WWA are tax deductible.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We provide members with the opportunity to participate in “hands-on” conservation opportunities to construct ponds, goose nesting platforms and duck nesting tunnels, install and maintain Wood Duck nest boxes – all of which help to assure the perpetuation of wildfowl populations and wildfowl habitat for the future – and all within the Washington State. In addition we sponsor a Hunter Mentorship Program to help newcomers find success in their pursuit of their own piece of the waterfowling heritage.

WE NEED YOU!

Many of our Chapters around the state hold monthly meetings with speakers on topics ranging from resource management topics, to education on migratory bird species and their habitats, to tips for calling, decoying, and hunting waterfowl, as well as other subjects of general interest to waterfowlers in Washington whether hunting the salt, navigable rivers, or fresh water impoundments.

JOIN TODAY!

For a membership application, see our website at www.waduck.org or apply online through our website with a secure payment connection.

WWA Hunter Mentoring Program



Mentoring 2023-2024

We are starting our recruiting for Mentors to help start new Washington waterfowl hunters for the upcoming season. We need knowledgeable hunters to sign up and volunteer to help new hunters experience the traditions of **Pacific Northwest** waterfowl hunting. Many new members need help with the basics such as decoy placement, calling, safety, etiquette, and basic scouting. We ask that a Mentor take out a new member for a minimum of 2-3 hunts during the very long season. We have startup information on the program to support the mentoring. The future of our waterfowling, and the **WWA** is out there just waiting to learn from our seasoned membership.

**Please Help Pass the Torch and
Keep our Traditions Strong.**

My email to signup is hans1031@frontier.com. We already have one new mentee ready to pair up! Woo Hoo!!

WWA Legislative News

WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon
President, Hunters Heritage Council

Editor's Note: This article is written entirely by the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**, a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington. The **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)** had no input into this article. This article is in this newsletter because of **WWA's** membership in **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)**. **WWC** is a member organization of **HHC**. The opinions contained in this article are entirely those of the author, and the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**.

Do We Know Ourselves?

"Know yourself and know your enemy and you need not fear the outcome of a hundred battles."

-- Sun Tzu, the Art of War

In some of my previous articles in this Newsletter, I have spoke often about our **WDFW Commissioners**, but now that **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC) Case No. 23-2-01831-3** is being heard in **Thurston County Superior Court**, I have to limit what I say about the Commissioners due to my dual role as also being **President of WWC**.

Commission drafted **Conservation Policy C-700X** (linked [here](#)) is scheduled to be brought before the **Commission** next month at their October meeting, and the **animal-rights (A-R)** groups are 100% unified. **Washington Wildlife First (WWF)** is well-funded, well-organized, and they are 100% committed to their cause. At the special **Commission** meeting on September 8, 2023, there was a petition brought forth by the **(A-R)** groups that 13 groups signed onto that would have crippled the Washington ranching community. Tell me when our side had that type of unity?!

I want to bring another example of 100% unity. I served on the original **Wolf Advisory Group (WAG)**, the second **WAG**, third **WAG**, and fourth **WAG**. I quit that **WAG** when **Jim Unsworth** became Director. The amazing thing was that when the environmental groups and **(A-R)** groups spoke at **WAG**, they never spoke as individuals. They always started speaking, "We as the environmental

community..." Always 100% together. I served on the **WAG** with **Molly Linville** before she served on the **Commission**. We didn't get along well. She wanted to compromise with the **Anti's** too much. I was a hardliner, 100% for the hunting community. The continuity of the **(A-R)** people and environmental community was absolutely amazing.

However, that's not what I want to stress in today's article. I want to stress the "know yourself" part. We as the hunting community are fractured. I want to go back to an article written in 2014 by **Ace Luciano** titled, **"Why Hunters and the Hunting Industry Should Worry."** He lists three major points.

Concern Number 1: Hollywood and Money ...

- Recently, **Leonardo DiCaprio** et.al held a fundraiser for endangered tigers. Nobody argues that tigers are not endangered, and that there is a need for their preservation. Also, nobody argues that raising money to help save tigers is bad.
- What's concerning is how and how much money was raised — \$25 MILLION in one evening. That's right. More than most groups on the hunting side raise in YEARS! What happens when they decide to go after Elephant Hunting? Lion? Mountain Lion?
- What happens when they pool their funds to buy huge swaths of land here and abroad, or lobby against hunting? If you think the closure of hunting in **Botswana** and **Zambia** had nothing to do with money, you need to wake up.

Concern Number 2: ANTI HUNTER MOBILIZATION

- Recently, as part of a little "social experiment," I published an article with a very "Attention-Drawing" headline: **"Hi, My Name is Ace, And I Kill Animals."**
- What was the experiment? I wanted to prove that **Anti-Hunters** — while passionate about their cause — would largely ignore me because, after all, I was a white, Christian, male that hunted and not a young, attractive female. While I was 100% correct, there were several things I noticed that are of "concern." I actually had to go after some of the groups with some "strategic" posts and messages before they "found" me — and find me they did. For the most part, these people are ignorant, rude, crude, vulgar, and quite violent in nature for a group that professes to be so "compassionate" about animals. I was threatened,

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Legislative News Continued

called vile names (it appears that there is quite a fondness “*across the pond*” for the pejorative term for female genitalia) and ridiculed on my Facebook page. One said he wanted to “*fight me*” (a very amusing thought, as it came from a 130 lb. pot and paraphernalia store owner ... people, we can see WHO YOU ARE, REMEMBER???). It was also very good for my post reach and rankings.

However ... The coordination and absolute unification in their message and drive to end all hunting should be of concern.

The anti-rights groups are mobilized, organized and passionate about their cause, especially in Washington State. They feel they can win here.

Concern Number Three: HUNTER VS. HUNTER

Concern number three is what I **REALLY** want to stress.

- It is looking more and more like I will not hunt a lion or elephant in my lifetime. Regardless of what you think, that in and of itself is a disappointment to me. I was fortunate to sit in on a press meeting that addressed the violent attacks on several outdoor personalities as well as the loss of television show venues and sponsors. Everything that was said in that meeting was true, and it was appalling at some of the treatment that these people received.
- Even more appalling was the **LACK OF SUPPORT THEY RECEIVED FROM OUR SIDE.**
- What do I mean? Here are some quotes from discussions that I found:
- From a waterfowl forum -- “I hunt, but I would never shoot a lion or an elephant. Shame on them for doing that.” From **Facebook** — “I’m a ‘meat hunter’ and believe that you should eat everything that you harvest. People that go to **Africa** and just kill a bunch of stuff to prove their manhood disgust me.” “She’s not a ‘Hunter’ anyway- just a spoiled rich girl that daddy sent on some expensive trip.” — From a **LinkedIn** Group.
- This should concern all of us. You know what? I’m happy that girl’s father is so successful that he can spend \$150K on hunting for his daughter. Success should be celebrated, not castigated. Think how many jobs his money provides. Think how many people were **FED** as a result of that Safari! I say **GOOD FOR THEM.**

- ... However, I am in the minority, and that’s a **BIG PROBLEM.** While we fight, argue and spit at one another about baiting, leases, bow vs. gun, trapping, hunting with dogs, hunting in enclosures, trophy vs. meat hunting, television celebrities, women, etc., the “*other side*” is **ABSOLUTELY UNIFIED** in their **ONE MISSION** ...

... **To STOP ALL HUNTING.**

and if you’re **NOT** worried, you **SHOULD** be.

We as the hunting community can no longer be divided. We can not be trophy hunter versus meat hunter. We can not be archer versus rifle hunter versus muzzle loader. We cannot be public land hunter versus private land hunter. We must be hunters united versus a common foe, the **(A-R)** community. Our rights are being chipped away by a common unified enemy.

The **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** has been a unified force in the legislative front, and we have killed every anti-hunting bill for 25 years. **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)** is the unity organization for the sporting community, which your **Washington Waterfowl Association** is a member of.

In these trying times we need to know ourselves and the importance of unity.



News for the Flock

Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show Returns to Astoria

By Brett Stark
WWA Life Member

I have been working with Rick Pass, Host of the Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show to attempt to bring in some additional decoy collectors/carvers/hobbyists for the Wildlife Carving Competition and Art Festival, to be held September 22 - 24th, in Astoria, OR. Link to the Show's website [here](#). Link to the most recent Newsletter is [here](#).

For those of you that attended their move and first show in Astoria last summer, I'm sure you'd agree that they did a really nice job. For 2023, they'd like to do things bigger and better, and this is where you all come in.

Like a phoenix — the immortal bird — the NW Decoy Collectors group will be returning to the Wildlife Show. Begun in 1972 as an annual backyard get-together with a bunch of hobbyist collectors, the group grew into an annual showing of 50-plus collectors from all across North America. Officially running for 40 shows, which ended in 2014, many members of our decoy community have continued to collect and carve.

While many members continue to support and show their wares at other waterfowl associations, we would like to reemerge and announce a larger 41st gathering. We are anticipating space for 30 hobbyists, so please contact me if you are interested.

In order to support the Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show, we will have a fee for a 6-foot table for the show. Realizing that people may be traveling long-distances, and likely couldn't stay the whole time we have broken up fees as follows:

1. All Three Days - \$50*
2. Friday - FREE*
3. Saturday ONLY - \$30
4. Sunday ONLY - \$20

*There will be carving seminars on Friday, and you are welcome to set-up, but the public is not likely to attend until Sat/Sun.

*Additional Show Programming and Timing will be updated regularly on the shows website again linked [here](#).

Updated Lodging Information

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| <p>Lloyd Hotel Astoria
Bayfront Ascend Hotel
Formerly the Best Western Hotel
555 Hamburg Ave
Astoria, OR 97103
(503) 325-2205</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group rate of \$195 + tax per room per night. <p>Astoria Riverwalk Inn
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204 W Marine Dr.
Astoria, OR 97103
(503) 325-6222</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special rate (still being coordinated) |
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If you are interested in having a table, please let me know. I am coordinating room layout and collection of fees for the decoy collection portion of this event.

See Flyer on adjacent Page 17 for more information.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in September.

Brett Stark
(206) 963-8800
NWDecoy@gmail.com

Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show Association
 presents the 34th Annual
Wildlife Carving Competition and Art Festival

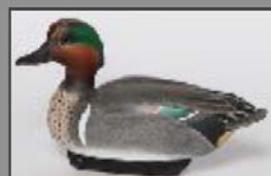


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#6 Jim Cortines S	#7 Neco Villella S	#8 Roger Bennett S	#9 Bruce Feagan S	#10 Larry Gordon S D
#11 Rich Greenshields S	#12 Mike Lovelace S	#13 Larry Voeks D	#14 Jack Westerfield S	#15 Bud Hufnagel S
#16 John Arrabito S	#17 Jenny Lutz P	#18 Mike Lutz P	#19 Reserved on Time Payments	#20 Brett Stark S
#21 Earl Mikkelson S	#22 Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler H	#23 Ken Packard P	#24 Jan Sabin S	#25 Lance Kintrea
#26 Jim Kline	#27 Leon Kollman	#28 Derek Melton S	#29 Dan Stearns S	#30 John Hanson
#31 Mark Hackett	#32 Logan Sanday	#33 Mickey Clary	#34 John Otto P	#35 Jason Otto P
#36 Doug Graef S D	#37 Robb Stack P	#38 Rod Boyer	#39 Paul Sullivan	#40 Jessica Dunn Kant
#41 Dave Farley	#42 Will Goldsmith	#43 Shaunie Cochran	#44 Claudean Talbert	#45 William Dunlap S
#46 Analise Arrabito	#47 Robert Zeka	#48 Ron Watkins D	#49 Ken Boyer S	#50 Henry Field
#51 Ric Wray	#52 Rich Phillips	#53 Ross Barkhurst S	#54 Michael Bess	#55 In Memory of Anne Grichuhin
#56 Frank Gallo S	#57 David Irons S	#58 David Ragsdale	#59 Tim Koehler G	#60 Brad Davis
#61 James Ono	#62 Ann Bullard	#63 Vance Boyer	#64 Albert O'Connor	#65 Dick Smith
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#71 Kenneth Shields	#72 Diana Shields			

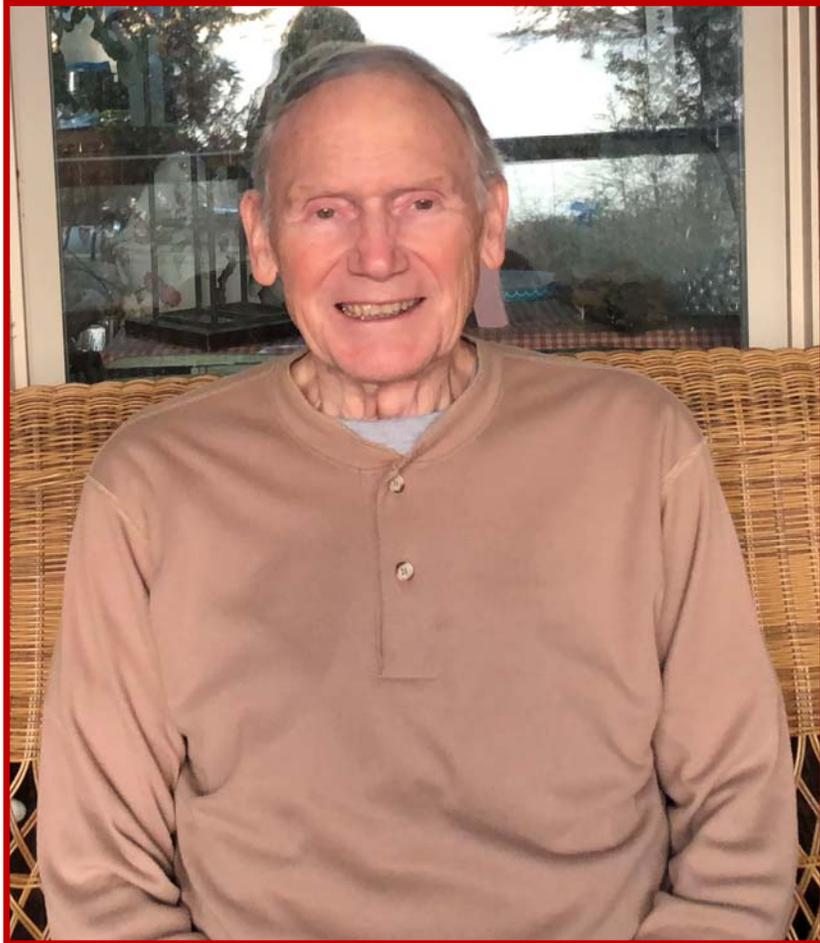
From the Gary L Talbert Memorial Service held on August 18th.



Fully 33 of the 72 Life Members listed on this page owe all or part of their WWA Life Membership to the generosity of Gary Talbert! (WWA Memoriam linked [here](#))

News for the Flock

Ross Barkhurst, Put his Knowledge, Experience on the Commission



Since at least 2015 **WWA Board** and **Life Member**, **Ross Barkhurst**, has been sounding the alarm about the deteriorating ecosystem in his back yard of **Willapa Bay**. He has previously written extensive articles on this issue in the **WWA Newsletter** — *“Life in the Dead Zone—The 2015 Eelgrass Die Off”* in September of 2015 linked [here](#), and *“Continuing Eelgrass Issues in Willapa Bay Affect Waterfowl”* more recently in January of 2022 and linked [here](#).

The **WDFW Commission** is well acquainted with the science talents of **Ross**. In 2019 used his major degree in **Oceanography** to study and understand circulation and effects of water in **Willapa Bay**. At request of the **WDFW Commission Chair**, **Ross** formed the citizen’s advisory group **Willapa Basin Ecosystem Review Team (WBERT)** which in turn submitted the *“WBERT Report”* with seven (7) recommendations for habitat improvement in **Willapa Bay** based on the best science available. Unfortunately there was no response by **WDFW** to the **WBERT** reports, and subsequently the waterfowl numbers in **Willapa Bay** have crashed.

Ross has frequented **Willapa Bay** since the late 1970’s when he purchased land there. He has lived on the bay full time since his retirement in

2002. Despite his efforts over the years as **Vice Chair** of the **Columbia County Oregon Planning Commission** and serving on the **Pacific County Marine Resource Committee**, he unfortunately has continued to witness the slow, ecological degradation of the bay. “On the **Commission** I would be better able to apply my experience, education, and knowledge not only to **Willapa Bay**, but to the entire **Outer Washington Coast in Toto**,” **Ross** says.

Education & Employment Background: Born in March of 1945, **Ross** grew up in southern Oregon; graduated the **US Naval Academy** in 1967 followed by six years in **US Navy Nuclear Submarine Service**. **Ross** spent his civilian working career in the nuclear industry from system engineer at **Trojan Nuclear Plant**; to **Plant Manager** and **Vice President** at the **Waterford Three Nuclear Plant in Louisiana**; to **President** and **CEO** of the **Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp**.

Fishing and Hunting Background:

Ross describes himself as “a conservation and habitat person first — a fishing and waterfowl observation and hunting person, second.” While working in the South, **Ross** was **President of Louisiana Tarpon Club** where he successfully advocated for “tag and release” **Tarpon** contests, not just kill and weigh-in.

Ross has fished the **Lower Columbia River**, **Multnomah Channel**, and **Willamette River** “since age 15.” While stationed in **Idaho** in the **Navy**, **Ross** learned a lot about **Sage Grouse** and other upland birds “which need to be kept in the **Commission’s** mind in **Eastern WA.**,” he says.

Please take a few moments to express your support of **Ross** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the **WA State Government Portal** linked [here](#). Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for the Applicant’s email address, **Ross** has given his consent to use his email at: rp.barkhurst@hotmail.com

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2023 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print

Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2023-24
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp
and
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Artist John N. Harris



Revenue received through this program will be used by the Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

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Shipping & Handling	\$	10.00
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WDFW News

Banding Underway Around WA

By Matthew T. Wilson
WDFW Statewide Waterfowl Specialist

The end of summer and beginning of fall marks the annual duck banding efforts of WDFW staff, volunteers, tribes, and other partners. We work together in several areas of the state to put out more than 1,000 report-band.gov leg bands on Mallards and other ducks captured in swim in traps, floating traps, nesting boxes, and using rocket nets.

The information from recovered and reported Mallard bands is used to model harvest, recruitment, and survival, which informs hunting regulations and sex-specific limits, i.e. 2 hen Mallards only.

While we work hard to put out the bands, it is very important that hunters report every band they harvest as soon as they can. Without the harvest information, we must make inferences on what the actual impact of hunting seasons and regulations are on Pacific Flyway populations. Photos are of non-mallards banded in August 2023, which are aged and sexed for banding. Biologists can tell age and sex of each by the wing alone, can you?

Pick Up Your Shells, Please!

Being a waterfowler and hunter myself, I know the situations one can get into where the gunning is red hot, or you move sites for a better opportunity, or you simply don't see where your spent shells end up; in the water, mud, lost in the grass, etc. However, most of the hunters I know, and myself, we try our hardest to at least locate what used shells we can, and often pick up more than we had when we arrived. That way we leave the area clean for the next hunter, and for the rest of the public who don't appreciate trash let behind.

I was reminded of this Labor Day weekend as we were banding ducks and ran across an empty shotshell box, and several spent shells, carelessly tossed on the road during a *Mourning Dove* hunt over the weekend at a high-use public wildlife area. It's always disappointing when there is no reason for this, as the hunter had to walk in 1/2 mile to get to the area and could have just as easily hauled the trash out. Please remember to be courteous, and that non-hunters, and other users are indeed tracking our trash. <https://sf.surfrider.org/programs/shotgun-wad-watcher>.



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WWA AND WDFW News Briefs

WWA Board Ok's Move of State Calling Contests to E WA in 2024

At its September 6th meeting, the **WWA Board of Directors** approved a move of the **State Calling Championships** — including the **Stuttgart-sanctioned State Duck Calling Contest** — to Eastern, WA for 2024.

Two time **WA State Duck Calling Champion** and **WWA member, Abel Cortina**, will head up a group of volunteers to handle the contest logistics on the Eastside. **Abel** won his **WA State Championships** in 2003 and 2012.

WWA-Corp Secretary Bob Taylor who maintains the sanction for **WWA** will handle all the communications with / and requirements of **Stuttgart**, and will present the **WWA's \$1,000 check** to the **WA State Sanction Duck Calling Champion**, to help offset his/her traveling expenses back to the **World Duck Championships in Stuttgart, AR** during Thanksgiving week in 2024.

Tentative plans are to hold the contests sometime in June of 2024 at **Columbia Park, in Kennewick**. The contest[s] were last held on the Eastside in 2014 in **Kennewick**. As plans finalize, this Newsletter will publish more in the **WWA October 2023 Newsletter** — the last publication for 2023.

Vancouver Wildlife League and WDFW Partner to Host Youth Pheasant Hunt Sept. 16-17

September 7th, News Release

VANCOUVER - Youth hunters in the Vancouver area will once again have a special opportunity to hunt pheasants this month thanks to an ongoing collaboration between the **Vancouver Wildlife League (VWL)** and the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**.

This year's event will be held at two locations on **WDFW's Shillapoo Wildlife Area** northwest of **Vancouver**:

- On **La Frambois Road** near the **Vancouver Lake** boat launch site on the **Vancouver Lake Unit**; and

- On **Lower River Road, past Frenchman's Bar**, near **Caterpillar Island** on the **Shillapoo South Unit**.

Advance registration is NOT required. Youth under 16 may show up at one of the two locations between 7:30 and 8 a.m. to sign up for the day's hunt. There will be a firearms safety discussion before hunters proceed into the field. Hunting is only allowed after 8 a.m. each day.

Youth hunters without dogs will be matched up with **VWL** volunteers with hunting dogs.

Hunters must abide by the following rules to participate in the hunt:

1. Hunters must wear 400 square inches of blaze orange or blaze pink.
2. Non-toxic shot is required.
3. Youth hunters must possess a **Western Washington pheasant hunting license** (\$40.50).
4. A small game license is not required.
5. Hunting is allowed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
6. The bag limit is two pheasants of either sex per day.

VWL will provide a lunch for youth hunters. Eye and ear protection are always recommended while hunting or shooting.

WDFW raises pheasants at the **Bob Oke Game Farm** in **Centralia** and **VWL** volunteers release them in several different locations within the hunting areas. Youth are accompanied by an experienced volunteer adult hunter and a dog, if necessary. Youth hunters can continue to hunt when the regular pheasant season opens.



WDFW Banding Identification Answers

1. Hatch Year Male, American Green-Winged Teal;
2. Hatch Year Male, Northern Pintail; and
3. Hatch Year Female, Northern Shoveler. (Extra credit if you correctly ID'd WDFW biologist, Callie Moore, from the WDFW Banding Story in the WWA July 2023 Newsletter, linked [here](#)).

News for the Flock

The Hunter's Table

By Trevor Morris

Duck Chow Mein

I don't measure pretty much anything, feel free to adjust proportions to taste. I halved (breast and leg as one piece) and brined this duck for a day, but this can be skipped. I used ginger powder, but fresh or pulped ginger will also work.

Ingredients:

- 1-2 puddle duck depending on size and how much meat you want. Plucked and breasted or halved.
- 1 pack of dried chow mein noodles;
- water or stock;
- 1 yellow onion;
- 2 celery stalks;
- soy sauce;
- vegetable oil;
- sesame oil;
- sugar;
- msg;
- inger;
- salt;
- black pepper.

Instructions:

Duck:

1. Pluck and halve or breast out, retaining as much skin and fat as possible. Optionally brine in salt water for a day, if you do, remember to pat dry before seasoning.
2. Score skin with knife.
3. Add salt, pepper, ginger to both sides.
4. Lay skin side down on super hot grill or super hot pan. The goal is to sear the skin and get the fat to start melting.
5. Cook for 3-4 min, then flip and move to offset heat, oven, or smoker.
6. Set to 300. Cook another 10-15min, remove and set on counter.
7. Once slightly cooled, slice breasts and set aside.

Chow Mein:

1. Add noodles to medium saucepan or wok.
2. Barely cover with water or stock.
3. Cook 10 min before straining and returning to med heat.

In a Side Pan:

1. 4 tbsp veg oil on med heat.
2. Cut onions in long strips and add to pan.
3. Cook 5 min before adding celery.
4. Cut celery diagonally and add to pan.
5. Add salt, pepper, ginger.
6. Cook 5 min before adding to noodles.

Fine'

1. Stir and continue cooking on med heat.
2. Add 2tbsp soy sauce, msg, and sugar.
3. When noodles are at right consistency, splash with sesame oil, seeds, and sliced duck.
4. Stir and serve.



News for the Flock

The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below in **red** is a listing of recent contributions to the four (4) primary dedicated funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **August 2023 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,882

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640

WWA Legal Fund — \$21,753.52

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,810

You can contribute in so many ways to the **WWA**, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the **WWA** carry on! Many donations are tax deductible.

TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMISTRY

Basic quotes for the mount are set. The customer is tasked with deciding a habitat and pose for their bird and a final quote can be decided once the habitat scene is narrowed down.

Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom, by quote only!

Regular prices for the bird mount only (**without a base**) are:

- Duck mount is \$350.
- Seaducks & Mergansers are \$380.
- Goose mount is \$500.
- One pheasant mount is \$320.

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the outer bag, so as not to leak ink.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



Arizona Themed Pintails

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

Wanted

WANTED shotgun for new duck hunter.
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For Sale



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Call James for questions or details 425-233-5936

FREE WWA Classifieds

WWA is dedicating a page in the newsletter for WWA Members to sell hunting related items to their fellow members. **No business ads please.** That extra shotgun, waders, decoys or boat could get you some cash or trade for something another member has on hand.

Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- Wanted and For Sale items only, not for business ads.
- Submit your classified ad each month (*we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not*).
- Include your contact info. Phone and/or email.

Check out this active [link](#) to a reputable FB Site "Youth Waterfowl Gear, Reviews, Swap and Sell"



Beretta A400 Xtreme Plus, 12 gauge; Kick Off recoil, 3 1/2", 26" barrel, 5 Chokes. True Timber pattern. 2 1/2 cases through it. Comes with a half case of shells. **\$1400.**
Contact John, at 425-356-9205

Early Remington 870 pump 12 ga. Mag w/Polychoke. Very Good condition with cut checkering, not stamped. **\$525.**
Classic Browning BSS, 12 ga. S x S in excellent condition, 26" bbls., with IC/Mod fixed chokes, **\$1,750**

I will have two (2) dozen other guns for sale this Saturday, September 16th, at the Monroe WAC Gun Show. See Calendar of Events on Page 2 of this Newsletter for details. **FFL Transfers Only. Call Robb at 206-940-7777**

I have retired from hunting and am selling the following firearms:

- Winchester model 94 30-30;
 - Ruger model M77 300 win mag;
 - Mauser 1944 model 98 8 mm;
 - Remington 870 Express Magnum 20 ga;
 - Beretta A303 12 ga;
 - Winchester Super X Model 2 12 ga;
 - High Standard Special Model A1041 22;
 - Ruger Blackhawk 357, 38 spl, 9 mm;
- Please contact **Mel** via email at mlgruschow@gmail.com regarding the weapon you are interested in, and I'll respond with detailed information, pictures, and price information.

In Memoriam

If you have someone you would like to honor in this column, please contact newsletter editor John Arrabito (jarrabito@comcast.net) before the 12th of the month you would like the memorial to appear.

We would prefer a note written by the contributor.

A picture is also requested.

There is no charge for this service, but donations at your discretion are always appreciated.

Photo of the Month



Fuzzy Yellow

Taken by WWA Life Member Jon McAninch earlier this Spring at a Goose Nesting Platform on his Cedarville Farms Hunt Club, Oakville, WA.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website [www.waduck.org].

However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

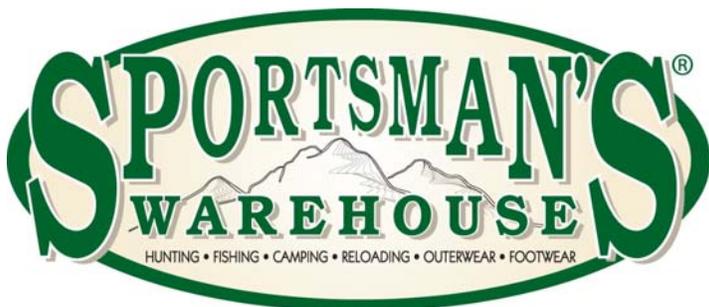
Summary of 2023-24 Washington Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons are Linked [Here](#).



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WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Best Phone Contact: (_____) _____

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 - Regular — \$ 30.00
 - Bronze Lifetime* — \$ 500.00 (New, 6/1/2021)**
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Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)
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- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and Places Quarterly TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen’s Club**, 26933 64th Avenue NW in Stanwood.
- Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** — Dates and Places TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Ferndale Public Library**, 2125 Main Street in Ferndale.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- Nine (9) active chapters throughout Washington
- We spend all of our resources within Washington State

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter’s Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting Hunter Mentor one-on-one waterfowl hunting activities for those new to the sport
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth, decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsmens’ Shows painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing full scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality waterfowling hunt areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck “blinds” on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector’s Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsmens’ Shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these “hands on, boots on the ground” conservation projects.